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1. US delay in recognizing China urged--US Ambassador Stanton in Bangkok strongly urges that the US delay recognition of the Chinese Communist regime until after receiving formal assurances from the Chinese Communists that they intend to: (a) protect fully US rights and interests in China; (b) observe existing treaty obligations between China and the US; and (c) uphold the principles of international law. The Ambassador expresses the belief that recognition by the US, along with the UK and some other countries, would greatly facilitate and expedite the loss of Asia to the Communists. In conclusion, Stanton strongly recommends that the US promptly issue an official statement setting forth US intentions in regard to recognizing Communist China.

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2. INDOCHINA: Chinese Communist troops contact French--US Consul General Hanoi has been informed by General Alessandri, the French commander in Indochina, that a small Chinese Communist force pursued "surrendering Nationalists" across the Indochinese border. The French commander added that the Communist captain in command of the unit, upon being informed by a French officer that he had entered French territory, "apologized abjectly" and signified his intention of retiring; before leaving, however, the Communist commander asked that the French officer sign a statement that the Communist force had pursued the Nationalists "to the very limit of Chinese territory." General Alessandri commented that further developments are expected along the frontier regions of west China, where the remnants of the Nationalist 14th Army are now located.

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